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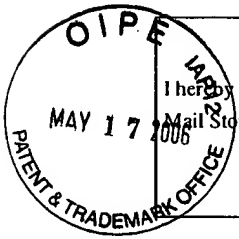
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For: METHOD FOR SELLING ITEMS USING  
A NETWORK

Examiner: Mark A. Fadok

Group Art Unit: 3625

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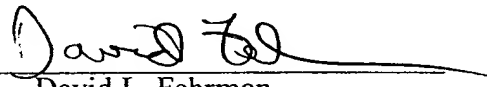
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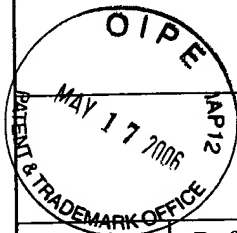
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